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EDITORIAL

It is our great pleasure to present the eighth issue of the *Silesian Journal of Legal Studies* (SJLS) as a continuity of previous discussions made in its columns. Representatives of legal science from the Czech Republic, Nigeria, Slovakia and Poland present their knowledge, experience, opinions on various questions as well as decisions of international tribunals.

The texts of Polish Authors from the University of Silesia in Katowice – Rafał Bilcharz and Anna Hołda-Wydrzyńska – present issues on broadly understood public economic law. Specific questions have been asked about trading on capital markets as well as personal data protection for sole traders. There are also two articles devoted to private international law. The first one, prepared by Anna Juryk from the Pedagogical University of Cracow, deals with the problem of protection of adults. The second one – submitted by Naděžda Rozehnalová from Masaryk University in Brno – presents the process and results of the codification of Czech private international law.

Some other interesting texts concentrate on various European Union law problems. Anna Magdalena Kosińska from John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin focuses on questions connected with criminalising irregular migration. She also looks at this problem in the context of the effectiveness of the return policy, taking into account the CJEU's Ruling in connection with Case C 38/14. Further, Aneta Skorupa-Wulczyńska from The Institute of Law Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences, while analysing the linguistic regime of the European Union, looks at the issue from a legal, political, economic and linguistic point of view. It is an interesting problem in the context of EU citizens' rights and their unrestricted access to EU legislation in their own languages. In the part of the *Journal* titled *Materials*, another EU-related text can be found. Adriana Kalicka-Mikołajczyk from the University of Wrocław looks at the Madad Fund and its role in the crisis in Syria.

In this issue of the *Journal* we also present two articles related to human rights aspects. The first one comes from Nigeria, in which the author, Michael C. Ogwezzu (Adekunle Ajasin University) concentrates on the decision of the SADC Tribunal in the case of *Mike Campbell v. The Republic of Zimbabwe*. In the second, Paweł Mielniczek from the University of Warsaw presents his remarks on the concept of sovereignty and the extraterritorial application of human rights treaties in light of the universality of human rights.

We also recommend an interesting text on issues going further into space, in which its author, Marek Miśko from the University of Silesia, focuses on the question of the exploration of Mars and the exploitation of its resources.

Finally, we offer an article by Andrea Olšovská and Marek Švec from the University of Trnava related to labour law. They suggest an answer to the question given in the title: How to monitor employees but protect employee privacy?

This issue also contains reports on selected conferences and seminars that were organised at our Faculty or by other scientific institutions. For the Faculty, the report on the Jessup Moot Court Competition is of great importance and should draw the reader's attention as our students participated in it, representing the Faculty. It is a high-level competition on public international law.

As in previous issues, we present a list of selected monographs published in 2015 by researchers from our Faculty of Law and Administration, as well as a list of conferences organised or co-organised by the Faculty and our Foundation *Facultas Iuridica*. We would like to stress that the publication of the *Journal* is, as in previous years, possible thanks to *Facultas Iuridica*, which covers most of the publishing costs of the *Journal*.

Issue No. 8 of SJLS touches upon several disciplines: economic law, labour law, public and private international law, human rights and EU law, and they are presented by researchers from universities from a range of countries. So it is clearly visible that, like in previous issues of the *Journal*, we continue international discussions on various legal problems – discourse across borders, not only European. We would like to go further in this direction in our subsequent editions, that is why we warmly invite researchers from Polish and foreign universities to read this and to submit their texts to us, sharing their views on legal problems. The materials contained in the issue may be useful not only for researchers, but also for practitioners as well as for students. You can find us at www.sjls.us.edu.pl.

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